

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial No.: 10/661,836 :
Patent: 7399643 :
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR :
ALIGNING MICROBEADS IN :
ORDER TO INTERROGATE THE :
SAME :

**CORRESPONDENCE
CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

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Applicants request a Certificate of Correction for *U.S. Patent No: 7,399,643* dated July 15, 2008 (hereinafter referred to as “the issued Patent”).

Applicants are filing a PTO/SB/44 form herewith that lists the corrections requested. At least some of the mistakes were not the fault of the Patent and Trademark Office. These mistakes are of a clerical or typographical nature and/or of minor character. The mistakes occurred in good faith and do not involve such changes in the issued Patent that would constitute new matter or would require re-examination.

With respect to the correction of claim 48, Applicants request that the dependency of claim 48 be changed from claim 47 to claim 1. In support of this, Applicants submit the following:

- On November 30, 2007, Applicants submitted an Amendment (“the First Amendment”) that included claim amendments in response to the September 20, 2007 Office Action. Page 10 of the First Amendment added new claim 60, which is shown below. (Claim 60 was renumbered by the PTO to be claim 48 of the issued Patent.) As shown, claim 60 depends from claim 1. The First Amendment is attached herewith as Exhibit A.

Claim 60 from First Amendment

60. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the holographic code comprise a numeric code formed from a series of bits arranged proximate one another along the longitudinal axis of the microbead, each of the bits being assigned one of at least two values.

- On April 18, 2008, Applicants submitted an Amendment After Final (“the Second Amendment”) in response to a February 26, 2008 Office Action. The Second Amendment directly followed the First Amendment (i.e., there were no intervening claim amendments). As shown below, the claim status modifier for claim 60 in the Second Amendment is “(Previously Presented)”. Furthermore, claim 60 does not provide any formatting that indicates a change to the claim. For example, there is no underlining or strikethroughs. Nevertheless, the claim dependency of claim 60 was inadvertently changed to claim 58, which is now claim 47 in the issued patent. The second Amendment is attached as Exhibit B.

Claim 60 from Second Amendment

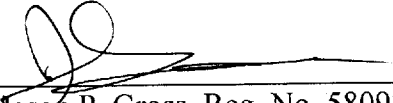
60. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 58, wherein the holographic code comprise a numeric code formed from a series of bits arranged proximate one another along the longitudinal axis of the microbead, each of the bits being assigned one of at least two values.

Accordingly, Applicants request that the dependency of claim 48 in the issued Patent be corrected so that claim 48 depends from claim 1. A certificate of correction is requested for this correction as well as the other corrections listed in the PTO/SB/44 form.

Authorization is hereby made to charge the \$100.00 fee required by 37 CFR § 1.20(a) to the firm Credit Card (provided through e-filing). Authorization is also made to charge any additional fees required by this paper or to credit any over payment to Deposit Account 50-3858.

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